

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates is another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others.

During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on what Pappas truly intends to serve.

Media ownership rules need to be strengthened, not weakened. Further, Pappas' behaviour with the airwaves illustrates why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.